



# CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS



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## ***Before you go, Zero!***

*By Jim Engle*



Deer season is fast approaching, which means "preparation season" is just about NOW! "Zeroing" or sighting in your rifle has to be a top priority. If your bullet misses the deer or possibly worse, wounds the animal, your hunt can turn from exhilaration to aggravation. Remember you want a clean quick kill. To accomplish this, you need to zero your rifle.

"Zeroing" your rifle means that you know at a specific distance, your shots will hit the same spot consistently. In Missouri, shots between 50 to 100 yards are the average.

You should have; two sandbags and a shooting rest, bulls eye targets that have a grid of 1 inch squares, ammunition you will be hunting with, spotting scope, ear and eye protection of course, and if you really want to do it right; the coat you will be hunting in.

Decide at what distance you want the rifle to be zeroed at. Let's say for this article, 100 yards, because the math is easier.

If you can "bore sight" a scoped rifle, do so. This should get you on paper at 25 yards, without wasting ammunition. If you can't bore sight it, place your target at 15 yards or closer to insure you get on paper. Place the stock or forearm, not the barrel on the rest. Place one sandbag between the rest and the stock. Place the

second bag under the toe of the buttstock. Hold your sight picture dead center on the target. Take 3 shots. Be sure you take your time with these 3 shots and hold on the same spot for all three. It is very important you shoot a group. So take your time and hold true.

If you have open sights remember to move the rear sight in the direction you want the bullet to hit. If your three-shot group is left of center move the sights to the right. If you need to hit higher, move it up.

## **Remember....**

*Never use the scope on your rifle as a set of binoculars or spotting scope! This creates a very dangerous situation in the field by pointing a loaded firearm at something before you identify it as a target and is never allowed on our ranges.*

If you have a scope be sure the mounts are tight to the rifle and the scope is tight to the mount. If it's loose, you will waste all your ammunition and accomplish nothing. Always refer to the manufacture manual first. There are 2 knobs on the scope. The elevation knob has an arrow and a letter U or D. The windage has an arrow and an R or L. Normally on the knob or inside the knob cover will be something like "1 click = 1/4 inch @ 100yds".

At 25 yards, using a scope, take your 3 shots. Click it over as prescribed, i.e. if you need to move it, say 1 inch, do 16 clicks ( $16 \times 1/16" = 1 \text{ inch @ } 25\text{yds}$ ). Take another shot. You should be centered left to right.

Move to 50 yards, take 1 shot. You should be centered high, low or dead center. Remember, you want to zero at 100 yards. Say your shot is 2 inches low. Move the elevation knob UP 16 clicks ( $16 \times 1/8" = 2 \text{ inches @ } 50\text{yds}$ ), take 1 shot. You should be 2 inches higher and dead center at 50 yards.

Move out to 100 yards, this is where you want it zeroed. Take 3 shots, hold dead center. You should hit somewhat low, maybe an inch. Click the elevation knob UP 4 clicks ( $4 \times 1/4" = 1 \text{ inch}$ ). Take 1 shot. Adjust sights accordingly. That's it. You've shot about 12 shots with 8 left for your hunt. If you have 2 - 20 round boxes (same lot #) confirm a couple rounds from your second box.

Knowing exactly where your shots are going to hit will boost your confidence to take that deer with a clean, quick kill. Good luck and Hunt Safe!

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## **Citizens help save conservation dollars.**

*By Jim Low*

*You can conserve your tax money and public land and get a cash reward.*

The contractor who dumped more than five tons of roofing waste at Hungry Mother Conservation Area in Howard County might not have thought he was committing a serious crime. He also probably didn't expect an angry citizen to turn him in to the Missouri Department of Conservation, but someone did. The misbehavior cost him 10 days in jail and \$742 in cleanup costs.

Conservation Agent Shawn Gruber had lots of help with the case. Local news media publicized the story of outrageous littering. This prompted an anonymous tip to Fayette police. When Gruber followed up the lead, he found a man whose fingerprints matched those on the roofing refuse. The tipster chose not to seek a reward for his help.

Conservation Department Director John Hoskins says citizens have an important role to play in stopping the damage and the financial drain that littering and other forms of vandalism create on conservation programs.

"The amount of money and staff time spent picking up trash and repairing damaged property each year is staggering," said Hoskins. "It is very difficult to put an exact dollar figure on it, because it takes so many forms."

Hoskins said few people appreciate the scale of the problem. Littering seems like a minor problem unless you take into account that the Conservation Department manages more than 900,000 acres statewide. Similarly, destruction of the Conservation Department's trademark wooden cantilever signs by gunshot, fire and vehicles might be only an annoyance if the Conservation Department didn't have to maintain signs on more than 900 areas.



Other leading forms of vandalism include:

- Painting graffiti on buildings.
- Stealing signs and other property.
- Driving in areas that are off-limits to vehicles.
- Cutting locks or breaking gates.
- Destroying trash containers.

Particularly puzzling to conservation officials is destruction of restroom facilities. Even seemingly indestructible concrete privies have been destroyed with explosives or other extreme methods.

Conservation officials say they plan to crack down on wanton destruction in several ways. One is employing hidden security cameras to catch vandals in the act. This tactic already is in use at some perennial problem areas.

The most powerful technique for catching vandals is to involve citizens who don't appreciate having their facilities wrecked and their outdoor recreation spots trashed.

"The number of people who visit conservation areas every day dwarfs our field staff," said Hoskins. "If all those people keep

their eyes open and report vandalism when they see it, we can put vandals out of business."

The Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation has a toll-free hotline where people can report vandalism. Cash rewards of up to \$500 are available for tips that lead to convictions. Reports can be made by calling (800) 227-1488 or any Conservation Department office.

## **MDC Shooting Range Program - Kessler C.A.**

*By Tony Legg*

Remember those Sunday drives with mom and dad, cruising the countryside, enjoying the scenery, and stopping occasionally to enjoy a stream, special rocks, or hike into the woods. Well if you want to get back to those days the Department has a little gem nestled in Lincoln County for you. Kessler C.A. is 167 acre area with 64 acres of woods and 93 acres of old field and grassland habitat, and two beautiful archery ranges.



The ranges consist of a 40 yard field static range and a 14 field target walking trail range. Area personnel maintain 14 foot wide mowed walking trails to the static range and around the inside of the trail range. Target butts are placed at 10, 20, 30 and 40 yards on

the static range. The walking field course has targets positioned with your shots into wooded trails and openings at varying distances.

This little jewel is set in a wonderful setting with plenty of family outdoor activities on the area for all, from hiking, to enjoying wildflowers, looking for critters along Little Sugar Creek, to hunting, camping, outdoor photography, and other nature study and wildlife viewing.

Remember to take care during your visit to be safe, courteous, remove trash, and targets. A small number of undesirable visitors have made their presence known. We need your help to keep this a place of natural beauty for everyone to enjoy and visit. Please watch for vandalism and damage, shooting of property, signs, bulletin boards, littering, marking signs, or illegal possession of alcohol at the range and parking areas. If you see someone improperly using the facilities or damaging it, contact the Ellsberry office at (573) 898-5905, our hotline at (800) 227-1488, or any Conservation Office or Agent.



Area hours are daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Directions to the facility from the St. Louis area are; take Hwy 61 five miles north of Troy then left on HWY KK for three miles. For more information on MDC ranges in the St. Louis Region and the state visit the MDC range web page at [www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/)

# August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Facilities

To Register for Programs/Classes Call (636) 441-4554

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED**

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

### Youth Upland Game Clinic & Hunt for First Time Hunters Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 8am



MDC and the Eastern Missouri Chapter of Pheasants Forever will be hosting a **FREE** Upland Game Clinic and Hunt for youth who have never hunted upland game (quail, pheasants, grouse, chukkers, partridge, etc.). Clinic will cover firearm and hunting safety, hunting with dogs, game biology, habitat, game care and cleaning and much more. **Actual location of Hunt, yet to be determined.** MDC will provide firearms and ammunition for those who need them. Pheasants Forever will provide food, drinks, orange hunting caps, memberships to their youth organization and 'Ringneck' magazine. Attendees should dress appropriately for the weather and walking in the field (i.e. boots, long pants, appropriate shirt and jacket, etc.). Open to ages 11 to 15 years, who are Hunter Education Certified. Youth must attend with an adult sponsor who will be mentoring the youth in the future. **This event requires pre-registration.**

### Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course Tue, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm each night



Have problems making a weekend course? This class is for you, held on three consecutive week nights for those with busy weekends and tight schedules. Open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 thru 13 must have adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Must attend all three nights and pass test. **Course is limited in size and requires pre-registration.**

### Muzzleloading Shotgun & Smooth Bore Trap and Clay Rabbit Shoot



Sun, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm

Mark your calendars. We will have several clay target throwers set up just for you. We have reserved one of our trap ranges for the entire day for smooth bore and muzzleloading shotgun shooters. This can be a fun day for viewers as well as the participants. Watching the shooters try to break clay birds with the old muzzleloaders and the smoke from the black powder add interest to the sport. If you do not have a black powder muzzleloader come out and see what all the fun is about. We will be filling the air with lead and white smoke, and most likely some tall tails as well. **No pre-registration required**

### FREE Scoped Rifle Bore Sight-In Mon, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> thru 31st



During normal range operating hours and days

Busch staff will provide free bore sighting of scoped rifles for individuals. This is limited to available staff, public crowds and available equipment. **No pre-registration required**

### CPR for Family and Friends

Wed, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm  
or Thu, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm



Ever worried if you, your youngster or other family member would know what to do while outdoors or at home should the need for CPR arise. Come and learn the basics of this life saving technique. This valuable program is offered free of charge, will be taught by American Red Cross trained professionals. Youth under 16 must be

accompanied by an adult during the training. **Pre-registration required.**

### Hands-on Tree Stand Safety Program



Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm

One out of every three hunters using tree stands will fall sometime during their life. Many of these falls result in serious and permanent injuries or death. This **Free** program can help you beat those odds. We will discuss safety techniques, restraint systems, guidelines, accessories, and more. Participants will be able to take part in actual hands-on learning from hanging a stand, to securing a restraint system, hanging from the system and getting back into a stand, plus more. All equipment will be provided. **Pre-registration required.**

### Basic First Aid

Mon, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm  
or Tue, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm



Basic first aid for family and friends. How to handle emergency treatment of wounds, breaks, and other medical problems Youth under 16 must attend with an adult. This valuable program is offered free of charge, will be taught by American Red Cross trained professionals. **Pre-registration required.**

### Paraffin and Gel Candle Making course



Sat, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am

Making candles has long been a traditional and historical craft dating back to the earliest settlers and beyond. Interested and how candles are made and how to make your own modern day candles for decorating your home and providing varying fragrances. Come and spend a day with our professional Kerri Mills of Candles, Gifts & More, as she takes you through the steps and you create your own works of art. **Pre-registration required.**

### Introduction to Hunting



Sat, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am

Want to get started in hunting and need more info? We'll discuss tips and techniques for hunting Missouri game, from small game & upland birds to deer and turkey. This will cover set-up, calling, hunting with and selection of firearms and archery equipment. These tips and techniques will be useful for the photographer as well. **Pre-registration required.**

## Attention.....

**Busch Shooting Range changes to winter hours  
October 1st**

**Normal October hours for shooting range  
operations are:**

Open Fridays thru Tuesdays — 10am to 4pm

Closed Wednesdays & Thursdays (Office Open Only)  
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events  
(Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)

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Mon, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>

During normal range operating hours and days

Busch staff will provide free bore sighting of any scoped rifle for individuals. This is limited to available staff, public crowds and available equipment. **No pre-registration required**



### Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

Tue, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm each night

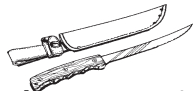
Have problems making a weekend course? This class is for you, held on three consecutive week nights for those with busy weekends and tight schedules. Open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 thru 13 must have adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Must attend all three nights and pass test. **Course is limited in size and requires pre-registration.**



### Knife Sharpening Basics

Wed, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Why can't you get that knife sharp like when it was new? Looking for help and techniques to get those pocket, kitchen, hunting and fishing knives sharpened? This seminar will cover the differences in knives, edges, angles, and some techniques to sharpen them. **Pre-registration required.**



### Campfire Building Basics & Hot Dog Roast

Thu, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 8pm

Wondering how Lewis & Clark started their fires? Curious about how to start a fire without matches or lighters? This program covers methods of camp fire starting for the curious, camper, etc. Great program for scout and youth groups. **Pre-registration required.**



### Outdoor Gift Giving Ideas Seminar for Women

Mon, Nov 22 6pm

Always hesitant about purchasing that outdoor gift for someone, not knowing if they might like it or not? This seminar will discuss some items that make good gifts for that person in the outdoors. We will also take questions and try to provide answers to those tough ones. **Pre-registration required.**



### Muzzleloading & Blackpowder Firearm Basics

Wed, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 9am

Just got that new muzzleloader and feeling a little intimidated by all the powders, bullets, equipment, etc. or just wanting to know more about muzzle loaders? This is your last chance before the season opener. Open to all, youth under 16 must attend with adult. Participants must attend classroom portion to shoot. The Range will provide firearms and ammunition. Participants should bring their own firearms, ammunition, equipment, and owner's manual to the course. **Pre-registration required.**



### Normal November hours for Busch Shooting Range operations are:

Open Fridays thru Tuesdays — 10am to 4pm

Closed Wednesdays & Thursdays (Office Open Only)  
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events  
(November 11th & 25th)

## Adopt-A-Range Program to Start at Busch

By Tony Legg

Volunteers play an important and vital role in the Missouri Department of Conservation. In addition to individuals, whole groups volunteer, too. A variety of organizations, from Scouts, 4-H, FFA Chapters, to civic clubs, PTA, garden clubs, conservation related organizations and associations, families, etc. volunteer for ongoing projects or one-time events.

The Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center is wishing to start an "Adopt-A-Range program that offers the opportunity to involve those groups or the public in our Department's Conservation programs and areas, assist us with the maintenance, improvements, or beautification, and increase public support for conservation and education.

The Busch facility has 6-archery ranges (2-static & 4-field trails) and 5-firearms ranges (1-100yd range & 4-shotgun ranges), each separate range will be available for the program. Groups may select a range

available to adopt. Your adopted range will have a recognition sign posted there with your group's name and that you are a part of the Adopt-A-Range program. There will be an awards program established, so that at the end of next year and every year after, groups efforts will be recognized for their support and achievements.

If your group, organization, club or family is interested in becoming a part of this important and vital program, please contact the Busch Office at (636) 300-1953 ext. 251 or email us at [buschrange@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:buschrange@mdc.mo.gov)



*fair chase* - a balance that allows hunters to occasionally succeed while animals generally avoid being taken, *author Jim Posewitz*

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## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

### Introduction to Muzzleloading Rifles

**Sat, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am and Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 8am**



Learn the basic history of the muzzleloading rifles, firearm safety, loading & un-loading procedures, basic shooting fundamentals, and firearm maintenance. Course will include classroom presentation and live fire exercise on the range. Saturday is classroom from 9am to 1pm, Sunday is shooting from 8am to 10am. Open to all, youth under 16 must attend with adult. Participants must attend classroom portion to shoot. The Range will provide firearms and ammunition. Participants should bring their own firearms, ammunition, equipment, and owner's manual to the course. **Pre-registration required.**

### Name that Tree

**Mon, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 10am to 11:30am**



Can you name that tree? Learn how to identify some of Missouri's trees and their importance to humans and animals. We will make leaf and bark rubbings while exploring the Jay Henges Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center. Open to all ages. **Pre-registration required.**

### Youth Rabbit Hunting Clinic & Hunt

**Thu, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm and Sat, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 8am**



Course will include the habitat needs and preferences of the cottontail rabbit, rabbit biology, Missouri hunting regulations, firearms safety, shotgun shooting fundamentals, hunting techniques, and game care. All students must successfully complete the lecture program on Thursday to participate in the youth rabbit hunts on Saturday. Hunt attendees should dress appropriately for the weather and walking in the field (i.e. boots,

Did you know that 95% of all outdoor footwear purchased fits improperly and creates a 28 billion dollar business?

long pants, appropriate shirt and jacket, etc.). Open to ages 11 to 15 years, who are Hunter Education Certified. Youth must attend with an adult sponsor who will be mentoring the youth in the future. **This event requires pre-registration.**

### Nature/Wildlife Photography Clinic

**Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 8am to 12pm**



Ever want to learn how to take nature or wildlife pictures like our MDC Photographers Jim Rathert or Cliff White? Well here is your chance. We will teach you with the standard 35mm and the new digital cameras. Topics to be discussed will be objects worth photographing, background, lighting, and downloading your pictures from your digital camera to your home computer. Open to all ages. **Pre-registration required.**

### Pointing Dog Training Seminar

**Thu, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm and Sat, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 8am**



Always wanted to train your on personal up-land pointing dog? Come join us and learn the basic control commands, steady to wing & shot, and retrieve to hand. Training techniques and K-9 psychology will be demonstrated throughout the program. Open to all, youth under 16 must attend with adult. **Pre-registration required.**

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Open Wednesdays thru Sundays — 10am to 4pm

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays (Office Open Only)  
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events  
(October 11th)

### Range Rule to Remember....

***“No Rapid Firing, Quick Draw Firing, or Firing From Any Position Other Than Standing or Benchrest”***

This rule is designed to promote safe, well placed shots. “No rapid firing” is defined as at least three (3) seconds between each shot. This gives adequate time for average shooters to get back on target and steady themselves for the next well placed shot. Well placed shots reduce damage to target frames and help keep stray bullets from skipping over the backstop.

Accidents from quick draw firing are usually of the self-inflicted variety. There is no need for quick draw firing at the range since there is no threat down range. This technique requires advanced training and is prohibited to protect public safety.

The reasons for only standing or benchrest shooting is so the range staff can observe your actions, direct bullets into the backstop, control muzzles in the same general area, and to insure the safety of shooters and everyone around them. Thanks for helping us keep the range a safe and enjoyable place.



# Jay Henges Outdoor Education Center

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## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

### Youth Quail Hunting Clinic

Thu, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
and Sat, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 8am



Youth introductory clinic to quail hunting will include firearms safety, shotgun shooting fundamentals, quail biology & management, hunting techniques, and game care. All students must successfully complete the lecture program on Thursday to participate in the youth quail hunts on Saturday. Hunt attendees should dress appropriately for the weather and walking in the field (i.e. boots, long pants, appropriate shirt and jacket, etc.). Open to ages 11 to 15 years, who are Hunter Education Certified. Youth must attend with an adult sponsor who will be mentoring the youth in the future. The Range will provide firearms and ammunition. Participants should bring their own firearms, ammunition, equipment, and owner's manual to the course.

**This event requires pre-registration.**

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Open Wednesdays thru Sundays — 10am to 4pm

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays (Office Open Only)  
State/Federal Holidays, & Special Events  
(November 11th & 25th)

### Turkey Quill Pin & Ink Mon, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12pm



Long ago, in order for people to write on paper, they had to make their own pens and ink. Although we can shop at the store for our own writing utensils, the ancient art still has its place. Join us at Jay Henges shooting range as we transform turkey feathers and walnuts into pens and ink. Geared towards Homeschoolers, but a great class for anyone. **This event requires pre-registration.**

## **ATTENTION ARCHER'S & BOWHUNTERS**

If taking your bow with you to work to shoot at lunch or after work or if you plan to hunt before or after work, ***DON'T*** leave it in your vehicle. Laminated bows limbs cannot withstand the extreme temperatures of being in a hot vehicle and will come apart or weaken. This creates a dangerous situation when shooting or hunting.

### ***Not Your Father's Ole Shoot'n Range***

*By Tony Legg*

Recently, we have gotten a few folks who have asked not to receive our newsletter or did not want to sign up because they did not hunt or shoot. Stating "that ranges are just for shooters and hunters and they would never have any use for our facilities."

So do you think our facilities are just for hunters and shooters? If you do, just look again at the changes. As our new title states we are a Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center, with the emphasis on "Outdoor Education." We offer a wide variety of programs through-out the year for non-shooters and non-hunters.

Programs that benefit all outdoor enthusiasts no matter what their chosen activity might involve. Programs such as Outdoor Photography, Canoeing, Campfire Building, Herb Gardening, Bird Watching, First Aid, CPR, Map & Compass, GPS, Cooking, Fishing, Candle Making, Hiking, Biking, Outdoor Survival, Camping, Backpacking, Wild Edibles, Stream Ecology, Amphibians, Optics, Bird House Building, Bat House Building, Knife Sharpening, Historical Crafts, Fly tying, and casting just to name a few with more being added all the time.

Of course we haven't forgotten our roots, we still offer a wide variety of shooting and hunting programs for the beginner to the expert. Like BB and Pellet Rifle Shooting, .22 cal Rifle Shooting, High Power Rifle Shooting, Handgun Shooting, Archery, Basic Shotgunning, Trap, Skeet, Patterning, Youth Hunting Clinics, Women's Classes, Youth Camps, Hunter Education, Game Calling, Archery Maintenance and Arrow Building, Muzzleloading, Reloading, Taxidermy, Antler Scoring, NRA Basic Handgun and Personal Protection, Deer Field Dressing, Deer Processing, Firearms Care and Cleaning, Tree Stand Safety, Bowhunter Education, Firearms Safety in the Home, Trapping, Venison Hamburger & Sausage Making, Seminars, Clinics, Mentoring and much more.

So the next time someone tells you "I don't want to know about the range it's just for shooting things." Tell them to look again and check us out through our newsletter, on the web, or stop by and visit us. They will find a multitude of programs to participate in and meet some people just as enthusiastic as themselves on the outdoors and nature.

The wealthy man can get hunting anyhow, but the man of small means is dependent solely upon wise and well-executed game-laws for his enjoyment of the sturdy pleasure of the chase.

*— Theodore Roosevelt*



# St. Louis Region Hunter Education Certification Courses

ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED  
(additional courses listed on range program pages)

The Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course is a mandatory requirement for anyone born on or after January 1, 1967 to purchase a firearm hunting permit or Deer and Turkey Transportation Tags. Many of our free Youth Manage Hunts and Clinics require both youth and adult to be certified.

Open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 thru 13 must have an adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Students must attend all sessions and pass an exam to become certified.

Topics included: Hunter Ethics and Responsibility, Firearms and Ammunition, Firearms Safety, Hunter Preparation, First Aid and Survival, Hunter Skills, Primitive Hunting equipment, and Wildlife Conservation, Management and Identification.

Seating is limited, so reserve your place early and check on any special age requirements, bringing of lunches, or fees needed for that location. All regional classes scheduled can be seen on the regional web site at:  
[www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis)

## **Franklin County**

*Location:* New Haven High School  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (573) 237-5242 before 5pm or (573) 834-5485 after 5pm  
*Remarks:* Attendees bring sack lunch

*Location:* Berger Fire House  
*Date:* Mon, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> thru Wed, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 6:30pm to 10pm each night  
*Registration#:* (573) 237-5242 before 5pm or (573) 834-5485 after 5pm

*Location:* Union Fire Department  
*Date:* Wed, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Fri, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 6:30pm to 10pm each night  
*Registration#:* (636) 583-8471  
*Remarks:* Attendees need to bring a sack lunch. \$3 fee charged by the facility

## **Jefferson County**

*Location:* High Ridge Civic Center  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 797-5334, Dennis Arnold  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* High Ridge Civic Center  
*Date:* Tue, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> & Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 6:30pm to 9:30pm Tues and Thu, 8am to 3pm Sat  
*Registration#:* (636) 797-3000 ext 144, Jeff Grossbauer  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

## **Lincoln County**

*Location:* University of Missouri Extension, Troy  
*Date:* Fri, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 6pm to 9:30pm Fri, 8am to 5:30pm Sat  
*Registration#:* (636) 665-5374

## **St. Charles County**

*Location:* August A. Busch CA  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 441-4554  
*Location:* Wentzville Parks, Banquet Hall  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 327-7665 or (636) 332-9236  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* St. Peters City Hall  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 477-6600 ext 400  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* St. Charles Community College  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 922-8233  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Wentzville Wal-Mart  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 441-4554

## **St. Louis County**

*Location:* Meramec Community College  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (314) 984-7777  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Florissant Valley Community College  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (314) 595-4444  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Forest Park Community College  
*Date:* Sat, October 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (314) 644-9175  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Lake St. Louis Fire Station  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sun, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (636) 561-4620 ext 4  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Powder Valley CNC  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (314) 301-1500

*Location:* Florissant Valley Community College  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (314) 595-4444  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Forest Park Community College  
*Date:* Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day  
*Registration#:* (314) 644-9175  
*Remarks:* \$5 fee charged by the facility

*Location:* Meramec Community College  
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## **WANTED**

### **Hunter & Bowhunter Education Instructors**

We are continually looking for individuals interested in sharing their time, love for the outdoors and dedication to our future hunters. For more information contact:

Kurt Otterstein at  
(636) 441-4554 ext 233

or

[Kurt.Otterstein@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Kurt.Otterstein@mdc.mo.gov)

Remember to check us out on the web for additions, updates and future programs.

[www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis)



### ***Conservation Connections***

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St. Charles, MO 63304-2215  
[www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis)

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## ***Look On The Web And Register For Our Up Coming Outdoor Programs Here Are Just A Few!***

[www.mdc.gov/areas/stlouis](http://www.mdc.gov/areas/stlouis)

[www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch) or [www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges)

### **December**

#### **At Busch**

*7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> Hunter Education Certification Course*  
*15<sup>th</sup> Venison Hamburger & Sausage Making Course*  
*31<sup>st</sup> Youth Rabbit Hunting Clinic for First Time Hunters*

#### **At Henges**

*1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> BSA Rifle Merit Badge Program*  
*8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> BSA Shotgun Merit Badge Program*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Wildlife Habitat "Brush Pile Construction"*

### **January 2005**

#### **At Henges**

*7<sup>th</sup> Trout Fishing Seminar*  
*20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Women's Basic Shotgun*  
*29<sup>th</sup> Bird Feeder Construction*

#### **At Busch**

*1<sup>st</sup> Youth Rabbit Hunt for Clinic Attendees*  
*4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Hunter Education Certification Course*

### **Outdoor Education Center Volunteers Wanted**

Do you like working with people of all ages? We are continually looking for individuals who enjoy sharing their time, love for the outdoors and dedication to conservation. If you are interested contact us at:

Busch (636) 300-1953 ext 251

Henges (636) 938-9548

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